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Mr Merritt L. Fernald.  
Aest in Gray Herb.

My dear Sir: -

I received your letter several hours in advance of the parcel. Knowing therefore that the specimens were to be returned I was dismayed to have the postman hand me the parcel in this shape . Fortunately, the specimens were not broken. For greater safety I have made the return pkg smaller and correspondingly stiffer.

I would name Nos 1 & 2 S. lucida, Muhl. — a broad leaved form of the species. Both in leaf and fruit

No 3 does indeed suggest glaucophylla  
but the scales falling before the cupular  
ornament - sessile stamens - and anthers  
terminating lateral leafy branchlets  
are sufficient marks of distinction.

You are right in referring No 3  
to S. candida - notwithstanding the  
exceptional denudation - Probably the  
plant grew in tall grass and the  
specimen was taken late in the season.

It is small service to name a  
few Willows and I am always glad to  
help to the extent of my ability - particularly  
so in the present instance because I  
write myself to ask a favor from Cambridge  
and was at a loss to whom to appeal.

May I beg of you to copy for me the  
descriptions of the two following species  
Salix Malaschenkensis, Chamisso. Linnaea 6.  
p 541. and on the same page S. anglorum  
Chamisso.

How sad the passing away of our  
dear friend Dr Watson - I can not force my-  
self to realize that in all probability by the  
time you read these words the end may  
have come! Who is there to take his place?  
Mr Deane very kindly sends frequent  
bulletins -  
Yours cordially  
M. S. Peck